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Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Sir Robert,

Principal has been telling me about the rather nasty letter you had about your Faculty. We have not had any thong similar. All we have is the assurance of the Premier given to Mr. Nickle and myself that we need not worry over the continuance of our Faculty.

I am to be in Toronto for several days beginning next Saturday and as I lern from Mr. Brebner's telegram that Mr. Ferguson is again actiang Minister if you care to give me the information I shall benpleased to take it upx with him. We are on quite friendly terms and have talks together, often, at the Queen's.

About three weeks ago Mr. Nickle and I went to Toronto and had an exceedingly frank talk with the Premier over the Educational situation in Ontario. We were up, not as Queen's men, but as two men interested in Education and our party.

The Premier did not put it just in so many words but we cam away with the impression that if the Premier could find a Minister of Education and a Superintendent he would appoint them. Our talk was exceedingly straight abou t thex present incumbents and the Premier did not dissent.

We have not been able to think of anyone to suggest as Minister better than Mr. Ferguson who told me a year or so ago that he would rather be Minister of Education than of Crown Lands.

While I am in Toronto I propose seeing the Premier and suggesting Dr. Geo. H. Locke, one of your graduates, as Superintendent. If you have anyone better to suggest either as Minister or Superintendent I should be very pleased to have the information.

If you do not answer tomorrow kindly send reply to Queen's Hotel, Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Y. Chown

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March 8th, 1918

George Y. Chown, Esq.,

Care Queen's Hotel, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Chown:

I thought that in all probability you would have received a copy of the same letter that was sent to us. The letter did not say anything about the continuance of the Faculty of Education, but dealt entirely with the determination of the Minister to have the courses which he will certify for certificates under his own control. Inasmuch as you did not get a copy of the letter and it was directed to the Bursar as the Secretary of our Board it might be well to say nothing about it at present.

Dr. Bakenham and I will interview Dr. Pyne before very long to find out what is involved in the letter. We shall also require to find out definitely from the Government what their policy is with regard to the Faculty of Education, though I do not see what we can add to our case as it has been already presented, and I am strongly of the opinion that we shall go on as we are. I am glad to know that you think that the Government is not likely to take action against the Faculties of Education, which also is my own impression.

The political question that you refer to in your letter is naturally one in which I myself could not become involved, though I thank you for your information which I will keep confidential.

I am sorry that I did not get your letter in time to answer you in Kingston.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.